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To: Concord City Council
From: Centennial Squires
Subject: Bandstand

The Centennial Squires was and still is a group of 16 men, members of the now defunct Centennial Senior Center. We decided shortly after we created ourselves to embark upon a project that would benefit the Center and thus the Project Bandstand was born. In a period of nine months we raised the twenty-five thousand dollars needed for our project and construction was initiated and completed in the early weeks of April 2006. A week following the dedication of the bandstand with the Hopkinton Town Band and with Congressman Charlie Bass as guest, the Board announced that the Center would be closing for financial reasons!


At the present time, the Christian Academy is proposing to buy the property including the bandstand. They are hoping to be granted a variance which, among other things, would require enlarging the parking area. To do so, they would use the area upon which the bandstand now sets. They have indicated that we, the Squires, can have the structure but must remove it before the bulldozers arrive.

We Squires have decided to offer it to the City for placement at a City park, if the City agrees. We would prefer it at Whites Park, but will agree to another location if so requested by the City. We would like to have the existing plaque in the center remain. It states that the bandstand is dedicated to the citizens of Concord by the Centennial Squires.

The reason we bring this to you on short notice is that the Academy folks, if they receive the variance, want to bring in the construction equipment almost immediately. We Squires would like to put out enquiries to contractors to disassemble the structure and move it to the park. Thus the whole project remains in limbo until a variance, if granted, is approved and then we will need a contractor the next day (almost).

If possible, we would like to have one of our members attend a Council meeting to explain further or answer questions.

Sincerely,


Stephen W. Leavenworth
For the Centennial Squires